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Bush's pledge to the nation

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AMERICAN FORCES PRESS SERVICE

WASHINGTON — George W. Bush assumed office as the 43rd President of the United States saying that what Americans do "is as important as anything government does."

Bush stressed citizenship in his Inaugural speech. "I ask you to be citizens," he said. "Citizens, not spectators; citizens, not subjects; responsible citizens — building communities of service and a nation of character. Before Chief Justice William Rehnquist swore in Bush at noon Jan. 20, he also swore in former Defense Secretary Dick Cheney as Vice President. The ceremony took place under cold, drizzly skies. More than 5,000 U.S. service members took part in the Inaugural festivities.

Bush said in his speech that he would build U.S. defenses "beyond challenge, lest weakness invite challenge."

He said the United States would confront weapons of mass destruction. "The enemies of liberty and our country should make no mistake: America remains engaged in the world by history and by choice, shaping a balance of power that favors freedom," he said. "We will defend our allies and our interests. We will show purpose without arrogance. We will meet aggression and bad faith with resolve and strength. And to all nations, we will speak for the values that gave our nation birth."

Bush said that he would work to unify the country. "While many of our citizens prosper, others doubt the promise, even the justice, of our own country," he said.



AIR FORCE TSGT LOU BRISCESI

President George W. Bush delivers his Inaugural Address during the 54th Presidential Inaugural Swearing-in Ceremony, Washington, D.C., Jan. 20.

"The ambitions of some Americans are limited by failing schools and hidden prejudice and the circumstances of their birth. And sometimes our differences run so deep, it seems we share a continent, but not a country.

"We do not accept this, and we will not allow it. Our unity, our union, is the serious work of leaders and citizens in every generation. And this is my solemn pledge: I will work to build a single nation of justice and opportunity."

Bush kept returning to the theme of American citizens' responsibility. "America, at its best, is a place where personal responsibility is valued and expected," he said. "Encouraging responsibility is not a search for scapegoats, it is a call to conscience. And though it requires sacrifice, it brings

a deeper fulfillment."

Bush said America's public interest depends on private character, civic duty and family bonds and basic fairness, "on uncounted, unhonored acts of decency which give direction to our freedom."

He listed the convictions that will guide him in the White House. "I will live and lead by these principles: to advance my convictions with civility, to pursue the public interest with courage, to speak for greater justice and compassion, to call for responsibility and try to live it as well," he said.

Immediately after the ceremony, Bush went to the President's Room in the U.S. Capitol and signed his list of nominees for cabinet posts. The Senate met at 3 p.m. and confirmed Donald H. Rumsfeld as the next Defense Secretary.

WICO program to open doors on Okinawa bases

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CAMP BUTLER — The Women, Infants and Children program will soon be available on Okinawa for eligible military personnel, SOFA status employees, and their families.

Four sites will open on the island: Camps Foster, Kinser, and Courtney, and Kadena Air Base. The Foster and Kadena facilities will be the first to open their doors Feb. 7, with the remaining offices opening later in the year as the phased implementation of the program progresses.

The WICO program focuses primarily on pregnant women and children under five years old, and takes into account the financial and medical needs

of applicants. Program managers estimate hundreds of families on Okinawa will be eligible for benefits.

The program, established by the 1972 Child Nutrition Act, is a supplemental food and nutrition education program that provides assistance for 45 percent of all infants born in the United States. Participation in the program during pregnancy is associated with significantly lower incidence of infant mortality. Benefits of WICO include nutritional counseling, diet assessment, and grocery vouchers for women and children who meet the eligibility criteria.

A recent amendment to U.S. code Title 10 allows the Department of Defense to extend the program overseas.

WICO officials will implement services in the following stages:

- Stage 1: Pregnant E4 and below
- Stage 2: Pregnant E5 and above
- Stage 3: E4 and below with 3 or more children
- Stage 4: E5 and above with 3 or more children
- Stage 5: ALL qualifying E1-E4
- Stage 6: ALL qualifying E5 and above

Effective Feb. 7, the island-wide appointment and information number will be 645-WICO. For information regarding the WICO program, visit the U.S. Department of Agriculture WIC program web site at www.fns.usda.gov/wic/.

Report traffic violations at 645-7441/7442

Marines, Sailor fight way to diploma

Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3d MarDiv personnel become certified in new Marine Martial Arts Program training

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 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP COURTNEY — Four Marines and one Sailor were presented diplomas and awarded their belts Nov. 26 at the Marine Martial Arts Program training center, here, by MajGen Wallace C. Gregson, Commanding General, 3d Marine Division.

"It's a great achievement for Headquarters Battalion," MGen Gregson said. "They've laid down a heck of a challenge for the rest of the division."

PO3 Kevin Harris, Corpsman, H&S Bn., 3d MarDiv, Cpl Bryan C. Salvucci II, Special Intelligence Communicator, H&S Bn., and LCpl Keith L. Martin, Intelligence Analyst, H&S Bn., earned their tan belts.

LCpl Donald R. Reznicek, Ground Radio Repairman, Communications Co., H&S Bn., earned his gray belt. Capt Scott R. Johnson, Commanding Officer, Truck Company, H&S Bn., was also awarded a tan belt but was unable to attend the ceremony.

The course helps Marines and Sailors work their way to a green belt in the martial arts-based form of hand-to-hand combat skills, according to Sgt Pahlo Correa, Chief Instructor, MMAP training center.

Marines previously learned basic hand-to-hand combat called Linear Infighting Neural-override Engagement training. LINE methods are no longer used. In October, the Marine Corps replaced LINE training with MMAP.

The new form of training gives participants a chance to gradually work up to the necessary skill level to attain their next belt.

The first level consists of core skills and is represented by a tan belt. Upon completing all of the re-

quirements for a specific level, Marines and Sailors will wear a riggers belt matching that level's color with their camouflage utilities. The second level combines techniques learned in the 1st level with more advanced skills called "1st Level Core Plus Skills," earning them a grey belt. The third level is represented by a green belt that also qualifies an individual to be an instructor, which finishes off the training.

It takes a week of training and testing to achieve each belt, according to Sgt Correa. "I believe we

are the first non-infantry unit on island to start this training."

The program these Marines and Sailors participated in was slightly different and more intense, according to LCpl Martin. They completed their requirements in about 10 days, he said.

"I think that implementing this training on this level is really a great move," LCpl Martin said. "A lot of countries have been doing it for years. 'It only makes sense that we as a fighting force take this step.'"



LCpl Donald R. Reznicek, Ground Radio Repairman, Communications Co., 3d MarDiv (left) and Sgt Pahlo Correa, Chief Instructor, Marine Martial Arts Program training center, Camp Courtney, demonstrate a choke hold.

DoDDS: lower SAT scores among students not a concern

PFC DAMIAN J. MCGEE
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Scholastic Aptitude Test scores for students at Department of Defense Dependent Schools are slightly lower than the national average.

But, according to DoD education officials, the scores are acceptable.

The SAT scores are lower because a higher percentage of DoDDS students took the test compared to students at national public schools, according to an American Forces Information Service article.

In DoDDS educational system, 64 percent of students took the test, compared to 43 percent of national students.



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 "Although SAT scores are lower among DoDDS students, this is due to more students taking the test," said officials.

"We help our kids aim at the highest levels of advanced education. We encourage as many kids as possible to take the SAT, and consequently we live with a slightly lower average score," said Janet Rope, Chief, Department of Defense Education Activity's Office of System Accountability.

Students in the DoDDS system scored only one point lower, 503, than those nationally on the verbal portion of the SATs and 14 points lower, 500, on the math

portion.

The DoDDS officials say the scores are not bad when taking into consideration the number of students tested.

Rope said 64 percent of DoDDS stu-

dents perform on a level that only 43 percent of the students at public schools do.

"We try to make sure our students realize the importance of these tests," said Febbie Ramsey, Guidance Counselor, Kubasaki High School. "When our counselors work with the students, we let them know that this is a part of the college admissions process."

DoDDS teachers also try to ensure that students begin preparing for these exams early, according to Ramsey.

"We try to start while they're in the ninth-grade," Ramsey said. "But if that doesn't happen, we ensure that, beginning their 10th-grade year, we're helping students prepare."

As a means of preparing students, the schools use various tools in assist students with the challenging test.

"We have computer programs that prepare students for these types of test," Ramsey said. "We've taken these programs and made them available in our computer lab, allowing more stu-

dents access."

Even without those additional tools to prepare students, Ramsey says that the general curriculum is designed in a way that benefits every student.

"We have challenging courses and we encourage students to take those courses," Ramseysaid. "The things they learn will help every student when they exit high school, whether they're going on to college or not."

For students overseas, DoDDS takes extra steps to ensure those students are not at a disadvantage, according to Ramsey.

"We've started having college board personnel come to keep us abreast of what's new," Ramsey said. "The college fairs keep children from being at a disadvantage."

Upcoming dates for this years SATs are March 31, May 5 and June 2.

Army SSgt Kathleen T. Rhem contributed to this report.

MCB CG visits Camp Hansen

BGen Williams takes a look at projects, special needs of Marines located in northern training areas

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP HANSEN — Training areas, construction sites and a waste treatment plant were part of the tour package for BGen Willie J. Williams during his recent visit here.

According to BGen Williams, a need for hands-on knowledge of the ongoing projects and special needs of Camp Hansen brought him to the camp.

Col Michael O'Neal, Camp Hansen Camp Commander, started BGen Williams' visit with a briefing which outlined the camp's facilities and ongoing construction projects.

A new headquarters for units training in Okinawa as part of the Unit Deployed Program and the construction of a consolidated club complex highlighted Col O'Neal's brief.

"The consolidated club complex, I feel, will be one of the best in the entire Marine Corps," Col O'Neal said. "Most definitely, it will be the best club facility on island."

BGen Williams and Col O'Neal agreed that Marines working and living on the northern camps are uniquely in need of a nice club facility to go to on the weekends.

Lack of this type of facility has currently created a mass exodus to Camp Foster on the weekends.

Following the brief, BGen Williams and Col O'Neal visited the Marine Corps Brig.

The general was given a full tour of the facility from the messhall to the wood shop.

He spoke with several Marines working in the brig, asking specifically what their jobs entailed and what improvements they felt could be made.

"It's unfortunate that you have to have a brig," BGen Williams said. "But since you have to have

one, you want one that's well-run and well-kept. The pride those Marines have in what they do come through in speaking to them.

After the general's visit to the brig, he visited Range 16, a training area used by the Special Operations Training Group, 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit and other training units.

The "shooting house" and improvements needed at Range 16 were the focus of Maj R. Gene Hammond's brief to BGen Williams. Maj Hammond currently serves as the Special Missions Officer, SOTG.

"It took a long time just to get this far," Maj Hammond said of recent improvements made at the training site. "It's good to talk to you and have the chance to show you not just what needs to happen, but what is happening and what will happen."

Maj Hammond spent several minutes discussing the need for more funding to improve the training capabilities of the "shooting house."

He said the facility could use enhancement in many areas, including personnel safety and environmental concerns.

"It's important to keep the ball in motion while you have support at the top," BGen Williams said. "The requirements are the same regardless of the price tag. What is important overall is combat readiness and operational readiness. What we do on the base side of the house is critical, and in the end, it is so much more than just numbers."

BGen Williams also stopped at the waste treatment facility.

Engineers there explained the steps taken by the camp to go above and beyond the environmental regulations of the Japanese government.

Both American and Japanese health officials constantly monitor the output of this facility.

Topping off the commanding general's tour of the base, the van rolled to a stop at the food court — Camp Hansen's slice of home.

As he returned to the III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group building, he described visits such as this essential to completing his mission as a base commanding general.



CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
Maj R. Gene Hammond, left, Special Missions Officer, SOTG, III MEF, discusses improvements needed at the "shooting house" on Range 16 with BGen Willie J. Williams, Marine Corps Base Commanding General.

"I need to have firsthand, situational knowledge of the facilities and the units on all of the camps," BGen Williams said. "I need to know so that I am aware of how this base is supporting the fighting units, and what they need to improve that support."

"I can't have a good sense of what's going on sitting at my desk reading e-mails," he added.

Allegations of wrongdoing at Osprey squadron lead to formal investigation

HQMC PUBLIC AFFAIRS

HEADQUARTERS MARINE CORPS, Washington, D.C. — Inspector General of the Marine Corps BGen Timothy E. Ghormley has been directed to look into allegations of wrongdoing by the commanding officer of the Marine Corps' only MV-22 Osprey squadron.

The allegations stem from an anonymous package sent to the Office of the Secretary of the Navy that contained a letter and audiotape alleging that LtCol O. Fred Leberman, Commanding Officer of Marine Medium Tilt-Rotor Training Squadron-204, ordered his Marines to falsify certain records on the Osprey.

Based on a preliminary review of the information available, the commanding general of the 2d Marine Aircraft Wing relieved Leberman as VMMT-204's commander. LtCol Leberman, Ch-46

Pilot, has commanded the squadron since June 1999 and will be reassigned pending the outcome of the investigation.

Shortly after receiving the package, the information was forwarded to the office of the Inspector General of the Marine Corps. BGen Ghormley immediately briefed the Commandant of the Marine Corps, Gen James L. Jones. BGen Ghormley was directed to initiate an investigation.

As soon as an inspection team was formed, Jan. 18, it was dispatched to MCAS New River. The inspection team is composed of two civilian investigators and three Marines, two of whom are maintenance officers from the 3d Marine Aircraft Wing who will conduct a detailed review of the squadron's maintenance records.

The information in the letter alleges that LtCol Leberman ordered his Marines to embellish or falsify

readiness data on the Osprey, information that is not directly related to flight safety, and did so on at least two occasions; once speaking to the entire squadron and another time to the unit's senior members. The audiotape, containing LtCol Leberman's voice, supports the written allegations.

The Marine Corps' eight Ospreys assigned to VMMT-204 were placed on flight restriction following an accident in December 2000, and were not flying in the period between the receipt of the allegations and the beginning of the investigation.

"We take very seriously any hint of impropriety that may put our Marines at risk," said Gen Jones. "What is alleged clearly does not represent who we are or what we stand for. It is important that the public, our Marines and their families know that we take this situation very seriously and will do everything we can to ensure the MV-22 is a reliable, worthy and safe addition to our aircraft inventory."

In April 2000, an Osprey crashed in Marana, Arizona, killing 19 Marines, and four Marines

were killed in a December 2000 crash near Jacksonville, NC.

The Arizona crash was attributed to pilot error and the cause of the second crash is still under investigation, but is believed to be the result of a major hydraulic system failure followed by erroneous software inputs to the aircraft's flight control system. At this point, aviation officials insist there is no relation between the alleged misconduct and the December 2000 mishap.

LtGen Fred McCorkle, the Deputy Commandant for Aviation, says that although the Osprey is important to the future of the Marine Corps, that importance takes a backseat to the safety of the Osprey crews and passengers.

"Our focus at this point is to let General Ghormley and his investigative team review the allegations and determine what, if any, steps must be taken," said Gen Jones. "I'm confident that his investigation will get to the heart of this matter and allow us to move forward with the integrity of the program intact and all safety issues properly addressed."

Toys for Tots doubles goal

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COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP BUTLER — Toys for Tots 2000 on Okinawa collected more than 11,200 nonviolent toys for children in the Pacific region.

"This year's drive was a huge success," said SSgt Kara L. Cox, Assistant Director, Toys for Tots Program, III Marine Expeditionary Force. "We more than doubled our goal of 4,500 toys thanks to the wonderful support we received. We brought a lot of smiles to children Christmas morning and that's what every child deserves."

As the toys continue to be distributed to military family members, Okinawan children and orphanages throughout the region, SSgt Cox said none of this would have been possible without the generous volunteer efforts islandwide.

"When we started this year's efforts, we sent out a call for volunteers and received an overwhelming response," SSgt Cox said. "I also approached the Marines and Sailors of 3d Transportation Support Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group and they were enthusiastic about supporting us."

Other units providing a great deal of support were Marine Corps Brig, who provided storage areas; the Single Marine Program, American Women's Welfare Association, who provided \$5,000 worth of toys; the Far East Knights and the Junior National Honor Society at Lester Middle School, according to SSgt Cox. Additionally, David Ralston, musician, provided entertainment for several toy collection events.

"I just can't say enough about the amount of support we received this year," SSgt Cox said. "It surpassed all of our expectations."

SSgt Cox wasn't the only one pleased with the



SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS
Sgt Nicole M. Bohannon, Toys for Tots Coordinator, III MEF watches as Asao Yamashita gives a present to Misako, a 4-year-old orphan at the Misato Childrens Home in Chibana.

outcome of this year's Toys for Tots campaign.

"I can't thank everyone enough for the toys," said Asao Yamashita, representative for Misato Children's Home in Chibana, Okinawa. "The children are all so excited and full of smiles. Thank you."

Marines assisting with distributing the toys gathered on Okinawa to the Sun Rin Orphanage in Pohang, South Korea, were also glad to help the Toys for Tots Campaign.

"It was wonderful to have the opportunity to participate in Toys for Tots and the local community here in Pohang. The children were all very happy to see me," said LCpl Nicholas A. Scott, Combat Engineer, 9th Engineer Support Battalion, 3d FSSG.

"I want to thank everyone who volunteered or donated toys," SSgt Cox said. "Especially those that worked with me in this office. They worked very long hours and sacrificed a lot to ensure we had a successful year."

SAFETY ZONE

Commandant's call to exercise driving safety

ALL MARINE MESSAGE

During the month of December 2000, ten Marines died due to mishaps, ten others suffered significant injuries and two more died from suspected suicide. The following provides a summary of the fatalities.

- A Lance Corporal from 3d Battalion, 6th Marine Regiment, 2d Marine Division, deployed to Fort A. P. Hill, died after sustaining an 81mm mortar shrapnel wound in his chest.

- A Lance Corporal from 1st Tanks, 1st MarDiv, was performing range maintenance at 29 Palms when a telephone-sized log was dropped on his head. SNM died from multiple skull fractures.

- A Lance Corporal from 1st Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment, 3d MarDiv, fell out of a three-mile battalion run. SNM was medevaced to the Basic Aid Station where he went into cardiac arrest. SNM died later at the hospital.

- A Lance Corporal from 1st FAST, Marine Corps Security Forces Battalion, was one of two Marine passengers in a civilian's POV. The driver departed the highway at a high rate of speed and SNM was not wearing a seat belt and died on the scene due to multiple traumatic injuries. The other Marine was wearing a seat belt and was treated at the scene and released.

- A Lance Corporal from 2d Supply Battalion,

2d Force Service Support Group, was traveling in a vehicle that collided with another head-on. SNM died at the hospital from injuries.

- A Private First Class from 2d Amphibious Assault Battalion, 2d MarDiv, lost control of his vehicle and struck a telephone pole. SNM was wearing his seat belt but still died due to traumatic brain injury.

- An MV-22B Osprey from VMMT-204, 2d Marine Aircraft Wing, crashed six nautical-miles north-east of New River, N.C. There were four fatalities.

- A reserve Corporal from 1st Battalion, 23d Marine Regiment, 4th MarDiv, was a passenger in a vehicle that collided with a tree. SNM and one other passenger died, two more were treated for injuries.

Although there has been a modest decrease in POV accidents this past month, and thus far in FY01, the highway continues to be the greatest risk to our Marines. There is no silver bullet to reducing POV accidents.

Marines must be alert, focused, well-trained and ready to follow the rules whenever they plan to accomplish any mission or training exercise.

The same is true on the highway. Adhering to speed limits, being well rested, free of alcohol and drugs and wearing a seat belt are all controls that must be used to reduce the risk of being involved and seriously injured in a POV mishap.

According to the National Center for Health Statistics, more people die in January than any other month.

Take steps today to ensure you and your Marines do not become statistics in the New Year.

Black marketing know regulations

Base officials warn ignorance no excuse for violating customs laws

CONSOLIDATED PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

CAMP FOSTER — Black marketing is a sinister-sounding term that is usually associated with shady characters and gangsters from a bygone era, but in actuality it can be committed by anyone.

Reselling, bartering, trading, transferring, delivering, pawning or otherwise disposing of items exempt from customs duties to unauthorized non-SOFA status personnel is prohibited, according to MARCORPBASESJAPANO 5800.4B (Merchandise Control).

"The bottom line is if you give tax-exempt merchandise to a non-SOFA status person, you have black marketed," said LtCol Gordon N. Houston, Base Inspector, Marine Corps Base.

Black marketing has different components — one of which is circumvention.

For example, purchasing tax-exempt alcohol from more than one facility in the same day to avoid filling out an over-purchase receipt is referred to as circumvention, and is considered black marketing.

"Over-purchase receipts are required when an individual purchases in excess of two gallons of alcoholic beverages or four cases of beer per purchase," LtCol Houston said.

"Therefore, if an individual purchases two cases of beer from the Camp Foster 24-hour shoppette and purchases another three cases of beer on the same day from the same location or a different location, that individual has circumvented and is in violation of regulations."

"It is still illegal and that individual will be held accountable."

- LtCol G. N. Houston

"Often times individuals caught violating these laws plead ignorance. Regardless of whether or not one uses this excuse, it is still illegal and that individual will be held accountable," LtCol Houston said.

People often assume that the only reason there is a black market order is to help the Japanese Government reduce customs violations.

In actuality, the efforts to stop black marketing not only help the Japanese Government enforce customs violations, they are also intended to protect SOFA status members from shortages of everyday necessities, LtCol Houston said.

"One excuse, we've heard from black marketers, is to provide support to Okinawan family members or gift giving to Okinawan friends," LtCol Houston said. "Providing support to family members is commendable. However, if it is done by purchasing tax-exempt merchandise for non-SOFA status family members, it is illegal."

Problems of this nature can be avoided by contacting the Okinawa Regional Customs Office and obtaining prior written permission or authorization to provide merchandise exceeding a \$25 threshold to family members.

Additionally, giving gifts to non-SOFA local individuals is no problem as long as the gift's value is \$25 or less, and the gift is not a tobacco product, alcoholic or any type of food.

Contact the Special Enforcement Section (645-7347/48) of the Criminal Investigation Division located within the Camp Butler Provost Marshal's Office for more information regarding the rules that cover providing tax-exempt merchandise to non-SOFA status individuals.

NJP REPORT

The following are alcohol-related nonjudicial punishments for Jan. 14-21.

• Underage drinking

A Lance Corporal with Headquarters Battalion, 3d Marine Division, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$585 per month for one month and restriction for 30 days.

A Private First Class with Headquarters Battalion, 3d MarDiv, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: forfeiture of \$563 per month for one month and restriction for 30 days.

A Corporal with III Marine Expeditionary Force Headquarters Group, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$200 per month for one month and restriction for 30 days.

A Private First Class with III MHG, was found guilty at a company-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$263 per month for one month, restriction for 7 days and extra duties for 14 days.

A Corporal with Headquarters and Service Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$653 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

A Lance Corporal with 3d Transportation Support Battalion, 3d FSSG, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of underage drinking. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$563 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

• Operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol

A Corporal with Headquarters Battalion, 3d MarDiv, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$723 per month for two months.

A Lance Corporal with 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3d MarDiv, was found guilty at a regiment-level NJP of operating a vehicle while under the influence of alcohol. Punishment: reduction to E-2, forfeiture of \$584 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

• Allowing a junior Marine to consume alcohol under the legal age.

A Corporal with 7th Communication Battalion, III MEF, was found guilty at a battalion-level NJP of allowing a junior Marine to consume alcohol under the legal age and consuming alcohol in the barracks. Punishment: reduction to E-3, forfeiture of \$691 per month for two months and restriction and extra duties for 45 days.

COURTS MARTIAL

• A Corporal assigned to Combat Assault Battalion, 3d MarDiv, was sentenced to reduction to E-3 and 45 days confinement, at a special court-martial on four specifications of Article 134, dishonorable failure to pay debts.

• A Corporal assigned to 3d Battalion, 12th Marine Regiment, 3d MarDiv, was sentenced to reduction to E-1, four months confinement, forfeiture of \$600 per month for four months, and a bad conduct discharge at a special court-martial on one specification of Article 128, assault.



MORGAN MCCLARY-DAVIS

Take a shot

Brianna Roundtree, 6, and Drew Britton, 6, both military family members, take pictures at Camp Kinser. Morgan McClary-Davis, 6, took the photo of her friends Jan. 17 as part of their photography club's assignment. The photography club is one of the many activities available to children through Boys and Girls Club programs.

COMMUNITY BRIEFS

“Marines in Acquisition”

An 18-minute video titled “Marines in Acquisition” will air daily until Feb. 6 at 1, 3, and 7 p.m. on cable channel 7. The video explains to Marine company grade officers and majors the career enhancing opportunities that are available in the acquisition community. A tour as an acquisition professional is challenging and can be professionally and personally rewarding.

The video is also available for units to check out from the Combat Visual Information Center at 645-2215 or 645-2533.

For more information about career enhancing acquisition opportunities, contact John Klemm Jr. at DSN 312-278-4968.

AAFES facilities closures

Many Army and Air Force Exchange Service retail facilities in the Pacific region will temporarily close for an annual inventory requirement beginning as early as Jan. 29.

Most facilities, however, will close Feb. 3 with some scheduled for Feb. 4. Closure lengths will vary by facility and few are expected to be affected more than a day.

Closure times and dates were selected to minimize impact on customers. Where possible, inventories are planned during normally closed times.

Retail facilities include main stores, shoppettes, Home Traditions, Four Seasons, Military Clothing Sales and more.

Customers should look for signs posted on facilities for times and dates or contact their local Exchange management.

Underwater photography contest

The Kadena Marina is hosting the Wet Shoot Underwater Photography Contest from Feb. 1 to March 31. This contest is open to all SOFA status personnel and offers a good opportunity to showcase participants' photography skills while enjoying the waters surrounding Okinawa.

An underwater photography professional will be

on hand as well to offer a free slide show and photo clinic for contestants and, weather permitting, the Kadena Marina will offer two Kerama Boat Dive trips during the contest.

With three levels of underwater camera classes, the contest allows participants with a housed, amphibian, or point-and-shoot cameras to compete against each other in the following categories: macro, wide angle, fish and people. This will allow participants of the same skill and camera level to compete against each other.

The fee for entering the contest is \$20 and includes a contest T-shirt, up to four rolls of film, development of the film and a ticket to the Kadena Marina Wet Shoot Barbecue and awards ceremony on March 31. Contestants can enter at the Kadena Marina Dive Shop from Feb. 1-28.

For a full list of contest rules and more information, please contact the Kadena Marina at 634-6344.

Musical revue auditions

The Pacific Okinawa Players announces auditions for “A Musical Revue.” Auditions will take place Feb. 3 from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Kubasaki High School Band Room.

All participants are required to prepare a song to sing and bring sheet music. Cast members must be able to commit to a rehearsal schedule that starts the same as the audition day.

More night rehearsals will be added as the show date nears in early May.

For more information, call 936-9144.

Kubasaki PTSA Fund-raiser

A Kubasaki fund-raiser for students will be held Feb. 3-4 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Kubasaki High School Cafeteria. Proceeds to benefit Kubasaki High School Academic and Extracurricular Programs.

For more information call 646-5949.

To submit a brief ...

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Separated from family, trying to keep in touch



LCPL CHAD SWAIM
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

Being in the military can be difficult on a family. Deployments and unaccompanied overseas tours can add an extra burden to military families. Maintaining communication is important to any relationship. I have found that a difficult task on Camp Foster

Being stationed on Okinawa is no picnic for me. Being here without my wife and kids is hard because I've grown so attached to them over the years.

One of the first things I noticed when I got settled in on Camp Foster was that there was no phone center.

At first I thought it must have something to do with this island, but after going around to some of the other bases on Okinawa I noticed that they had phone centers and Internet cafes.

Every military installation that I have ever been on has had a phone center. Even a tiny Naval Air Field in Virginia with less than 1,000 personnel.

Communication is the key to any long-lasting relationship. I've been married for more than eight years and spent more than half of that time on deployment.

Another concern of mine is the affects my

absence will have on my family. When I rotate back to the States, I will be moving in with a woman who has been a single mother for almost two years, and children who have been virtually fatherless.

With only 20 days to prepare for spending a year overseas, I spent every available moment with my family. I tried to spend enough time with my youngest child so that he might not forget who I am and trying to do the same with his older brother and my wife.

I can't imagine what's going through my 7-year-old's mind when he asks me when I'm coming home. He has been asking the same question for more than a year now; lately the answer has been June. We send photos back and forth, talk on the phone and he has even started to e-mail me.

I usually have to make a trip to Kadena to do all of this. There are pay phones on Foster, but who wants to wait in line so they can stand in a small uncomfortable booth for an hour? Sitting at the bar or in the bowling alley to use the two Internet services doesn't sound very inviting either.

There's always regular mail, but I'm still waiting for mail that was sent over a month ago. So far, the best way I have found to communicate with my family is the phone center on Kadena.

A phone center with Internet access here on Camp Foster would help boost the morale of service members by helping them keep in touch with their families, but until then I'll continue making trips to Kadena.

SecDef bids farewell



WILLIAM S. COHEN
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Greetings,

As I near the end of my tenure, I wanted to express my gratitude for your remarkable service these past four years.

Whether it was the historic air campaign over Kosovo or the peacekeeping mission since — the air strikes of Desert Fox or the patrols of the no-fly zones over Iraq, the evacuations of Americans from West Africa or Albania, or rebuilding after floods in Central America, or fighting fires in the American West — the world is safer and our nation is more secure because of who you are and what you do.

Because you have taken care of America, we have worked to ensure America takes care of you.

With the largest increase in military pay and benefits — such as retirement — in nearly two decades; Increasing the Basic Allowance for Housing and proposing to eliminate out-of-pocket housing expenses entirely in five years; Lowering TRICARE costs and expanding access for you and your families; and Increasing funding so you can stay ready today and prepare for tomorrow.

While challenges always remain, there is no doubt: You remain the best-trained, best-led, best-equipped force the world has ever known, and it has been the highest honor of my life to stand and serve with you.

God bless each and every one of you, and God bless America.

What Would You Do?

The following examination of leadership issues is not intended to present right or wrong answers. The goal is to provide a forum to encourage leadership discussions of challenging issues. Chaplain responses are designed to provide moral and ethical guidance. Questions, comments or ideas for a future scenario may be submitted to: editor @mcbbutler.usmc.mil

Using the chain of command

"I have been there, done that, got the T-shirt, then wore that shirt out and got another one. So don't try and tell me how to run our PT program. I know how to do it!" yells your staff sergeant. You, as the dutiful corporal, say, "Yes, staff sergeant," and walk away.

You just think that the way your section conducts its morning formation run isn't the best, no reflective vests, no road guards or even stretching exercises. Everyone shows up at 0'dark-thirty, you form up, and start running.

The staff sergeant takes off like you're at a track meet and before you are a quarter of a mile into the run you have stragglers all the way down the dark street with muscles as limber as 2x4s. It is just a matter of time before something ugly happens.

The following day, during your CO's Alpha inspection, he asks you what you think of your unit's PT program. Your staff sergeant is standing at parade rest in the rank in front of you. What would you do?

What the Marines said

Lance Corporal with III MEF: I'm probably not going to say any-

thing. I think I would get better results if I kind of dodged the CO's question and then addressed the problem with one of my sergeants or something. It doesn't seem fair to sell out the staff sergeant to the CO if I haven't given him any warning.

Corporal with 3d MarDiv: I would tell the CO that I felt there were some areas that needed to be fixed, but that I would prefer to talk to some of the other NCOs and staff NCOs before talking about it. The relationship between my command and the staff NCOs is pretty tight so the only way changes are going to be made is if the NCOs present a united argument. If I go at it alone, most likely I'm going to end up in more trouble than the staff sergeant.

Private First Class with 3d FSSG: I'd say so much so fast the CO would probably get mad at me. The staff sergeant is putting me and other junior Marines at risk and that is something that has to be taken care of right away. We can't be very successful in combat if we are all at sick call complaining about shin splints and stress fractures.

What the Chaplain said

The Corporal sees something that should be looked at for the sake of other Marines. Trying to address the matter again within the chain of command is encouraged. While the Staff Sergeant may want to lead from the front of the formation, the same Staff Sergeant is responsible for ALL Marines in the formation. Perhaps the Staff Sergeant could slow down and run with those in the middle of the formation and see firsthand that the entire group would benefit from a few changes. Those changes after time might have the entire formation finishing together without injury.

- Navy LT William R. Dermott, Chaplain, Camp Courtney



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Marines do the "dead man's float," survival float, for two minutes during their swim qualification.



SSgt Cameron P. Evans, Marine Combat Instructor Trainer Water Survival, gives a safety brief before swim qualifications begin.



Marines walk across the 25-meter pool in full gear during CWS-3.



Marines SPLASH into water survival

Story and photos by LCpl Kathy J. Arndt

CAMP FOSTER — Splashes were heard from every side of the pool here as Marines, some wearing packs and holding onto their rifles, tried to complete the requirements needed to pass the Combat Water Survival Classes Jan. 10.

Seventy-five Marines from various units stationed on Camps Foster, Kinser and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma, started the day with a hygiene and safety brief. Then they entered the unusually cold water of the outside pool here.

Both bases and the air station have come together to make swim qualifications easier and more accessible to all the Marines that need to complete their annual qualifications.

"When each base did their own swim qual, we had problems with getting the pool and having enough instructors," said SSgt Cameron P. Evans, Marine Combat Instructor Trainer Water Survival, 3d Materiel Readiness Battalion, 3d Force Service Support Group. "Units from MCB, 3d FSSG, and 1st MAW combined to make qualification easier and better."

When the units did qualifications separately, they would have trouble finding an open day for the pool and enough instructors for all the Marines. Now that they work together, they can take as many as 150 to 200 Marines and qualify them all on the same day, according to SSgt Evans.

"On the average, we qual about 50 Marines, with four to seven instructors twice a month," SSgt Evans said. "We will qualify everyone, if any centrally located units would like to participate and have one or two instructors they can contact me."

Swim qualifications go twice a month and are announced via e-mails.

When the Marines make it to the pool, they begin with Combat Water Survival-4, the minimum level for all active duty and reserve Marines. They start with a 25-meter swim across the shallow end of the pool, using basic strokes so that their hands do not break the water. Then, they must tread water and drown proof, or "dead man's" float for two minutes, survival float with blouse for one minute and finish with another 25-meter swim.

After completing CWS-4, the Marines have the choice to stop or move to CWS-3. Marines can continue qualifying until they reach Water Survival Qualified, the highest level of qualification. If a Marine reaches WSQ, that Marine no longer has to swim qual again during their career.

Although WSQ Marines don't have to renew their qualification, the Marine Corps has redrafted Marine Corps Order 1500.2A, water survival order and changes might take affect soon.

"The new draft is going to be a lot harder and it might upset many people," SSgt Evans said. "For example, WSQ will be no longer exempt from re-qualing."

Water Survival Qualified will not be the only ones that will have to start re-qualifications. In the existing order, Marines age 45 years or older or Marines with 20 years or more of service are currently exempt of swim qualifications. That might change with the new draft, according to SSgt Evans.

The new draft might also change how long a qualification is effective. Right now, CWS-4 is good for two years, CWS-3 is good for three years, CWS-2 is good for four years and CWS-1 is good for five years. The new draft might take a year off of each level of qualification, according to SSgt Evans.

Things might change, but swim qualifications will still need to be done. The inherent nature of Marine Corps operations and training requires that Marines have the ability to survive in water.

"We are Marines and we are amphibious," SSgt Evans said.



Marines suit up in full gear to begin CWS-3 after qualifying CWS-4.

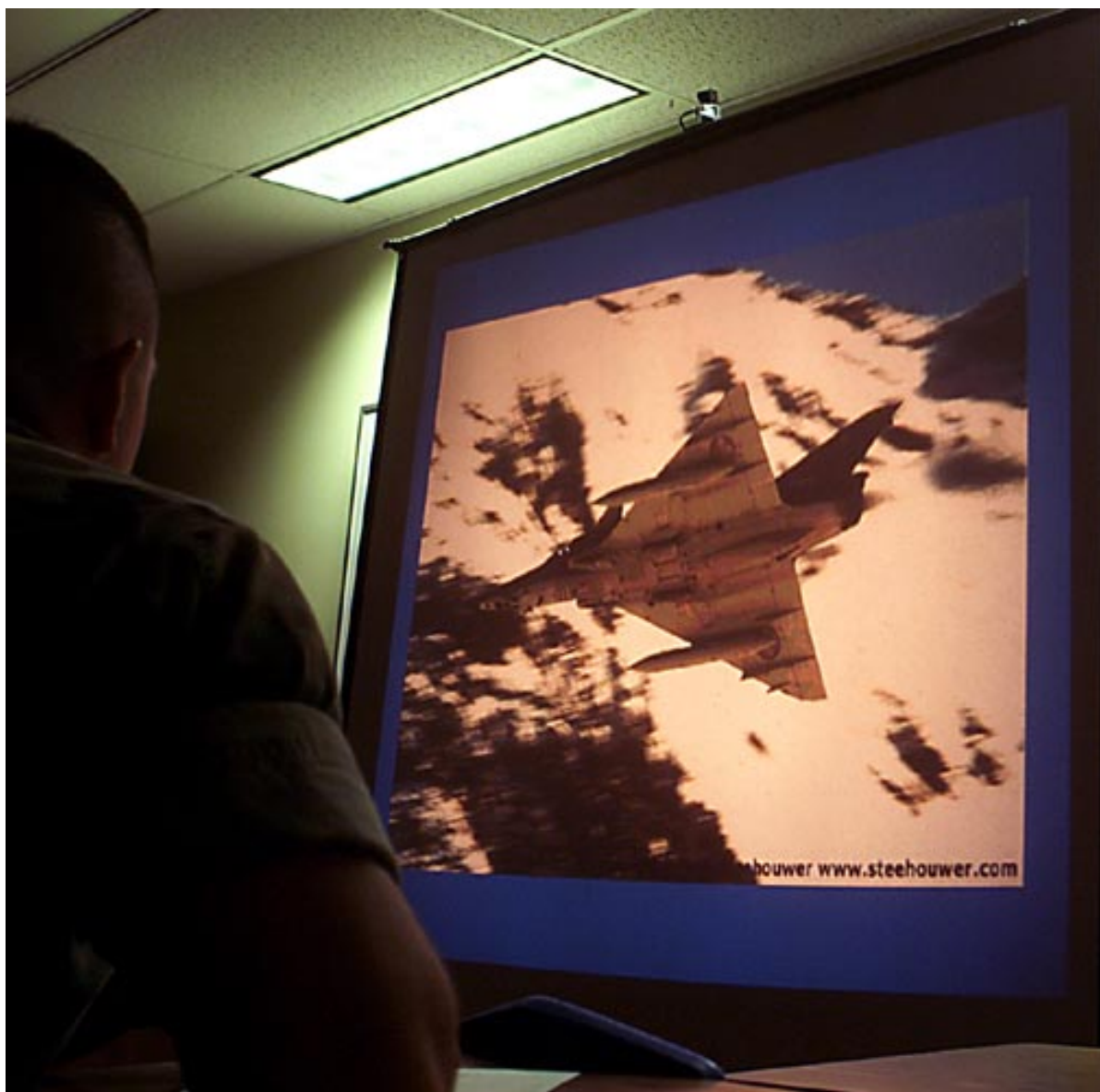


GySgt Matthew S. Seamans, Marine Combat Instructor Water Survival, assists LCpl Lynyrd Moralez, Welder, GSM Co., 3d MRB, 3d FSSG, during CWS-4.



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The ACID test enables Stinger gunners to identify aircraft in order to properly fire the Avenger system mounted to a humvee. The Avenger system has two Stinger pods capable of carrying four Stinger missiles each.



SGT JASON SCHAAP

A Stinger gunner from 1st Stinger Battery, Marine Aircraft Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, studies a Mirage III, an aircraft used by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. The Marine is taking his monthly aircraft identification, or ACID, test. The Stinger gunners must identify 100 percent of U.S. aircraft and 90 percent of foreign aircraft to pass the test.

ACID

test measures Marines' sting

Aircraft Identification test provides 1st Stinger Battery Marines with tools needed to improve ability, readiness

SGT. JASON SCHAAP
 COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

MARINE CORPS AIR STATION, Futenma — Two Marines riding in a humvee receive a radio call from their platoon leader. The infantry has spotted an aircraft headed their way that looks like an enemy MiG-25.

They spot the aircraft coming over a distant ridge. The driver locks the brakes as the other Marine jumps out and removes his weapon from the side of the vehicle. He can hear the aircraft screaming toward him. He throws the weapon to his shoulder and puts the oncoming target in his sights.

He's about to fire when he notices the aircraft has antenna probes and its wings are straight, not slanted down. It's not a MiG; it's a U.S. F-15 Eagle.

These are the types of situations that Marine Stinger gunners constantly train for. And it's deciding between friend and foe that Marines from 1st Stinger Battery, Marine Aircraft Group-18, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, are tested on regularly.

"Aircraft identification is one of the key fac-

tors in our military occupational specialty," said SSgt William J. Leal, Institutional Conduct of Fire Trainer Staff Noncommissioned Officer In Charge, 1st Stinger Battery. "The gunners have to be able to identify aircraft before they can shoot it down. The test is how we grade their ability to do that."

According to SSgt Leal, Stinger gunners in his unit are required to take an ACID, or aircraft identification test every month. The test is composed of 50 different still or video images of aircraft used by the United States, Russia, nations belonging to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization, and other countries with combat aircraft.

Stinger Marines have up to five seconds to identify each image. They must identify 100 percent of U.S. aircraft and 90 percent of the foreign aircraft in order to pass the test. According to SSgt Leal, every Stinger Marine has to take the test, regardless of rank.

"We don't have a progressive (military occupational specialty), which means that you are Stinger from private to master gunnery sergeant," SSgt Leal said. "By (Marine Corps) standards, every Stinger is required to take the test."

Every Stinger gunner is also required to attend eight hours of aircraft identification classroom instruction per month. According to SSgt Leal, the Stingers concentrate on the aircraft's WEFT, or their wings, engine, fuselage and tail.

"Knowing those features is important for separating because there's a lot of similar aircraft out there," SSgt Leal said.

Stingers also use aircraft recognition guide manuals and software to improve their skills, Leal



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The Stinger guided missile system is a shoulder fired, infrared acquisition, intercept, guided missile system. The system is designed to detect and lock on to an infrared source, plot an intercept course to the target and fly to the intercept point. The system also allows the gunner to pick up a new launch tube and begin tracking and engaging new targets immediately after missile is launched.

said. If a Stinger gunner doesn't have enough skill to pass the ACID test, he is remediated for a re-test.

According to Leal, aircraft identification is not a skill Stinger gunners lack confidence in. He said he doesn't know of any other unit that can visually identify aircraft like Stinger Marines.

Cpl Michael Osborn, Stinger Gunner, 1st Stinger Battery, agrees.

"We're the best," Cpl Osborn said. "Even the pilots don't know their aircraft better than we do."

Marines take on the Jungle



PHOTOS BY CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL

LCpls Brian Martin, Scout Sniper, 2/3, and Heath Casey, Machine Gunner, 2/3, make their way across the two-strand rope bridge at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.



Cpl Cory Dunlap, Scout Sniper, 2/3, guides PFC John Jones, Assault Gunner, 2/3, into a good "L" as he prepares to send Jones over the edge of the rappelling cliff at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

CPL KIMBERLY S. DOWELL
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP GONZAIVES — Marines from 2d Battalion, 3d Marine Regiment were the first of several units who recently arrived in Okinawa as part of the Unit Deployment Program to tackle the challenges of the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

The battalion headed to the jungle Jan. 9 and will remain there to train at JWTC's facilities for several weeks.

"The training we get here is completely different than the training we do in the States," said 1stLt Louis V. Bush, Assistant Operations Officer, 2/3. "Usually we train in a more desert-like environment and at higher elevations."

The unit spends three nights sleeping in the jungle away from the relative comfort of the bivouac sites. The nights are cold and the days are wet, 1stLt Bush said.

The training package at JWTC takes the Marines through safety and survival, land navigation and rappelling courses. It concludes with the team-building and motivational challenges of an endurance course. The day and night land navigation offers the Marines a backbreaking example of the challenges unique to combat in a jungle environment.

"It's great to be out here, to actually see a jungle," said Cpl Christopher Cole, Antitank Guided Missile Gunner, Combined Anti-armor Team Platoon, Weapons Company, 2/3. "We have more training options here. It is much harder to get access to these kinds of facilities back in Hawaii, and we need this training to be prepared for combat."

The battalion met the challenges of the rappel and hasty rappel cliffs first. Helicopter Rope Suspension Training Masters ran the rappel training while JWTC instructors supervised and presented safety classes.

There is a benefit to using HRST Masters from the battalion, according to Cpl Cody Deupree, Scout Sniper and HRST Master, Scout Sniper Plt., Weapons Co. It shows the Marines can trust Marines within their unit to send them off a cliff.

The Okinawan jungle offered much different weather conditions compared to 2/3's last visit to the island.

"It seems like the clouds open up every day around 1600," 1stLt Bush said.

As if on cue, raindrops freckled the clay and trees started swaying in the wind. Marines preparing to step onto the two and three-strand rope bridges looked at the sky with disdain.

"We will definitely accomplish more in the cooler weather," 1stLt Bush said.

Accomplishing as much as possible in the brief training period is good news to 1stLt Bush and his Marines, as the unit looks to send personnel on several upcoming deployments.

Marines from 2/3 will participate in exercises throughout the region and train at Camp Fuji, in mainland Japan during their six-month deployment.

"We're out here so early because we needed to get this training in before the big deployments roll around," 1stLt Bush said, of the unit's JWTC training. "The whole battalion is jumping."



LCpl Jeremy Hagerman, TOW Gunner, 2/3, brings himself to a stop as he rappels from the 'hellhole' during training at the Jungle Warfare Training Center.

Keeping lines of communication open



PHOTOS BY LCPL CHAD SWAIM

Matayoshi Tsumu, Team Chief, Outside Plant South, and Isa Shingen, Foreman, Outside Plant South, join two sections of conduit.



SSgt Edwin Maldonado, Construction Chief, Outside Plant South, G-6, MCB, helps guide conduit into its proper position.

MLCs help base Marines install, make upgrades to telephone cables

LCPL CHAD SWAIM
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — The Outside Plant South, G-6 Communications & Information Technology, Marine Corps Base construction section provides a path for telephone cable installations and upgrades. Due to a lack of Marine manpower, Outside Plant South started using Master Labor Contract workers to supplement their work force 11 months ago.

"If a building needs a hundred new phone lines, but there's not enough space in the conduits, we install more conduit," said SSgt Edwin Maldonado, Construction Chief, Outside Plant South, Headquarters and Service Battalion, Marine Corps Base.

This installation process is conducted in two phases, according to SSgt Maldonado.

"The Facilities Engineers are paid to dig the trenches," SSgt Maldonado said. "Once that's complete, we get in there and install the conduit and hand holes (like man holes but smaller)."

The MLCs work with the Marines to install the conduit and build the hand holes from scratch. They use wood to build a mold that will be filled with concrete. After it dries the wood is removed and a small concrete box is left. The conduit is bonded to opposite sides of the concrete box and buried when the work is complete, according to SSgt Maldonado.

There are currently three Marines working in the construction section and the number of MLCs varies from job to job. Noborikawa Kiyu, B Foreman, Out-

side Plant South, who is in charge of the MLCs that work for Outside Plant South, determines how many MLCs to send out on each job.

"The MLCs actually work for the cable section, but they're helping us out because we are undermanned," SSgt Maldonado said. "They're just great people and they really want to help us out."

One of the benefits of using MLCs to supplement the construction section is that they don't have to train new MLCs as often as new Marines have to be, according to SSgt Maldonado.

"Even if we did get some Marines in, it would take time to train them," SSgt Maldonado said. "The MLCs have been here for many years and they know everything inside and out. On the other hand, Marines are always getting transferred back to the states."

With the help of the MLCs the construction section has installed over 8,000 feet of conduit in the last ten months, with 2,600 feet installed in just one job. In addition, they've created and installed six new hand holes and drilled through 20 existing hand holes to install extra conduit.

"The work environment is just incredible," SSgt Maldonado said. "Everybody helps each other out."

Another benefit to the program is that Marines get to experience some of Okinawa's culture just by working with the MLCs, according to SSgt Maldonado.

"Sometimes we have shop parties and they bring native dishes for us to try," SSgt Maldonado said. "We also make an attempt to try to learn their language. They like it when you show some interest in their culture."



Frank Murray, 14, was just one of 60 swimmers to take part in a fund-raiser for the team Jan. 5.

PHOTOS BY LCPL CHAD SWAIM

Swimmers go the distance to raise funds for local team

LCPL CHAD SWAIM
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP FOSTER — Sixty local swimmers got together at the 25-meter pool here Jan. 5 to raise funds for the Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team.

The team is raising funds to help cover costs involved with competing in swim meets.

"It costs money when they go to meets, whether they go to Tokyo or just a meet out in town. There are entry fees involved and expenses for food," said Mathew Luebbers, Coach, Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team, Semper Fit Aquatics, Marine Corps Community Services. "We would like to raise at least \$1,200 for the team's next trip to Tokyo."

Swimmers solicited pledges for every lap they swam to help raise the funds. They could swim for two hours or up to a distance of five kilometers, and then collect the pledges.

The event, which was organized into two portions, hosted swimmers as young as 7 and as old as 56. The first half included 46 of the younger swimmers and ran from 3:30 to 6 p.m. The second half started at 5:30 p.m. and included 14 more experienced swimmers lasting until 8 p.m.

Swimmers covered a total of 22,675 meters during the event.

The total amount of funds raised will not be known until all of the pledges are collected.

There were 18 team records broken by the female swimmers and 30 broken by males. Jessica Mays, 12, broke records in the 3k, 4k and 5k, and Robert Erickson, 11, broke records in the 1k, 2k, 3k, and 4k.

"It's great to watch the kids' times drop and seeing their overall improvement," said John Murray, Assistant Coach, MCCA, Semper Fit, Aquatics, Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team.

The event was open to anyone who wanted to swim. Non-team members paid a \$20 entry fee.

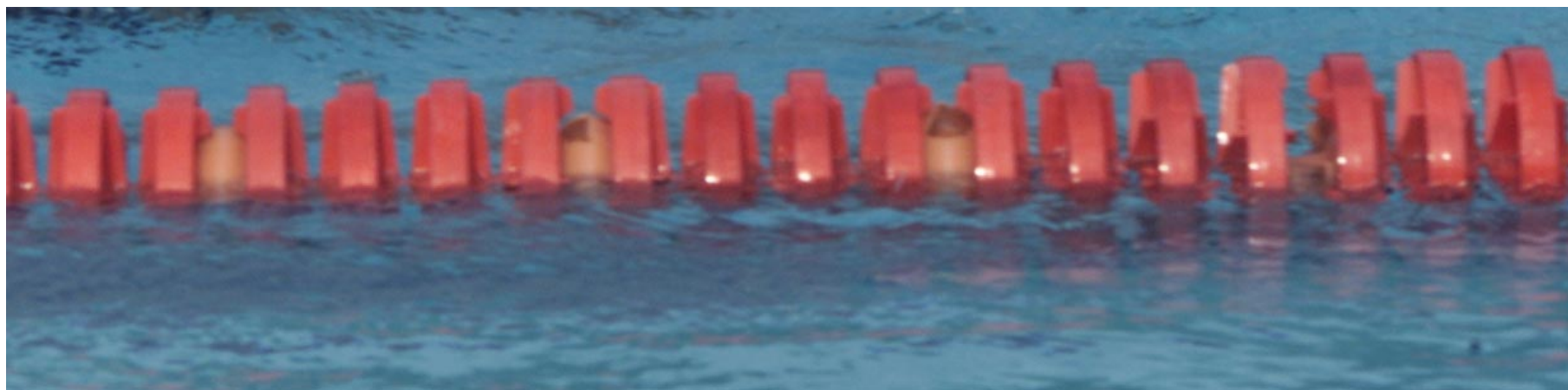
"Swimming is an activity that offers youth and adults fun and fitness for a lifetime," Luebbers said. "It doesn't matter if you're fast or slow, we have a place for everyone."

Besides funds the team also needs volunteers to help with the team. No experience is needed to be a volunteer, according to Luebbers.

For more information about becoming a volunteer or joining the swim team, call Mathew Luebbers or Shirley Rivera at 645-2787.



Michelle Grisham (left) and Sue Wright were just two of the many volunteers on hand to count laps and cheer the swimmers on during an event at the 25-meter pool on Camp Foster to raise funds for the Okinawa Dolphins Swim Team.



USO, MCCS air coverage of Super Bowl



XXXV

MCCS locations for Super Bowl

Marine Corps Community Services will be serving a free continental breakfast Jan. 29 during the Super Bowl at the following locations: Globe & Anchor E Club, Chesty's SNCO Club, Camp Foster; Pretzels San Diego, Camp Courtney; Kinser Surfside; Tracers E Club, Camp Hansen; and Thirsty's E Club, Marine Corps Air Station Futenma.

Breakfast buffets will be available for a fee at the following locations: Cliffhanger Consolidated Club, Camp Schwab; Mountain View O/SNCO Club, Camp Hansen; and Courtney SNCO Club.

Call the individual clubs for times or call 645-2628.

USOs prepare for Super morning

SGT ROBERT J. ANGUS
COMBAT CORRESPONDENT

CAMP BUTLER — The United Service Organizations on Camps Hansen and Schwab, and Marine Corps Air Station Futenma will be opening their doors early for football fans Jan. 29 to air live coverage of Super Bowl XXXV.

"We invite all service members and their families to come to their home away from home to watch Super Bowl Sunday action as the Giants square off against the Ravens," said Tracy R. Thomas, Programs Manager, USO Okinawa. "We'll be holding a variety of events and contests at four of our centers."



Thomas

The earliest of the four USO Super Bowl celebrations will begin on MCAS Futenma with doors opening at 6 a.m. The Futenma USO community center will have free pastries and prizes as patrons watch game coverage, according

to Thomas.

"Though I'm a Steelers fan, I'll be at the Futenma USO to cheer on the Ravens," said PFC Stephen M. Good, Air Frames Mechanic, Marine Heavy Helicopter Squadron-267, Marine Air Group-36, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing. "I'm rooting for the Ravens because I just can't stand the Giants."

The Schwab USO community center is scheduled to open at 6:30 a.m. offering a special-priced poor man's breakfast and prizes. Kadena and Hansen USO community centers will be open at 8 a.m. with the canteens open to serve breakfast.

Whether cheering on the Ravens or the Giants, everyone is welcome, Thomas said.

"All our centers have big-screen TVs, so you won't miss any of the action," Thomas said. "And most have large, comfortable chairs you can kick back in and relax. We want everyone to feel right at home like they were watching it from the States."

Giants vs. Ravens





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 Misc. — 17" chrome rims w/tires, \$1,800; (2) 12" subwoofers in box, \$390; 500w two channel car stereo amplifier, \$250; Farad capacitor, \$180; JVC adjustable crossover, \$85; Kenwood equalizer/crossover, \$115; white/chrome steering wheel, \$50; wood/chrome steering wheel, \$35. 637-4097.
 Misc. — Mauve tapestry chair, \$175; (2) phones, \$5 each; VHS movies, \$5 each; (3) brass pots, \$4 each; (2) fans, \$5 each; (2) wreaths, \$5 each; and (2) clay pots, \$2.50 each; (4) women's suits sizes 8-10, \$20 each; (2) Hawaiian-style shirts, \$5 each; silk gymsuit, \$15, cotton gymsuit, \$10; (2) men's blue jeans, \$5 each, and assortment of clothing. Jennifer, 622-8412.
 Misc. — Wooden bunk beds w/drawers, matching dresser/mirror and toy chest, \$300. 646-4633.
 Misc. — Lawn mower, \$60 OBO. 646-5348.
 Computer — 500Mhz Intel Celeron (DVD/CD-ROM, speakers), \$500; monitor, \$80; scanner, \$70 and desk, \$30. 926-1666.

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Courtney (622-9616)
 Fri Antitrust (PG13); 7:00
 Sat How the Grinch Stole Xmas (PG); 7:00
 Sun Woman On Top (R); 7:00
 Mon Closed
 Tue Closed
 Wed Red Planet (PG13); 7:00
 Thu Closed

Schwab (625-2333)
 Fri The Contender (R)
 Sat Woman On Top (R)
 Sat The Watcher (R)
 Sun Woman On Top (R)
 Sun The Watcher (R)
 Mon Antitrust (PG13)
 Tue Antitrust (PG13)

Wed The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13)
 Thu Kings of Comedy (R)
 Call Schwab for start times

Butler (645-3465)
 Fri Thirteen Days (PG13); 7:00, 10:30
 Sat 102 Dalmations (G); 1:00, 4:00
 Sat Thirteen Days (PG13); 7:00, 10:30
 Sun 102 Dalmations (G); 1:00, 4:00
 Sun Thirteen Days (PG13); 7:00
 Mon Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00
 Tue Red Planet (PG13); 7:00
 Wed Red Planet (PG13); 7:00
 Thu Antitrust (PG13); 7:00

Hansen (623-4564)
 Fri Miss Congeniality (PG13)
 Sat Miss Congeniality (PG13)
 Sun Red Planet (PG13)
 Mon Kings of Comedy (R)
 Tue Kings of Comedy (R)
 Wed The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13)
 Thu The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13)
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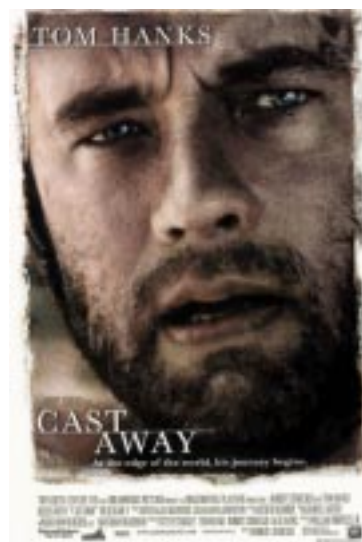
Futenma (636-3890)
 Fri Bedazzled (PG13); 7:30
 Sat The Contender (R); 6:00
 Sun Woman On Top (R); 6:00
 Mon Cast Away (PG13); 7:30
 Tue Closed
 Wed Thirteen Days (PG13); 7:30
 Thu Closed

Keystone (634-1869)
 Fri Cast Away (PG13); 9:30
 Sat 102 Dalmations (G); 1:00
 Sat Cast Away (PG13); 5:30
 Sat Antitrust (PG13); 9:00
 Sun 102 Dalmations (G); 2:00
 Sun Antitrust (PG13); 5:30, 8:30
 Mon Red Planet (PG13); 7:00
 Tue Meet the Parents (PG13); 7:00
 Wed Pay It Forward (PG13); 7:00
 Thu Bedazzled (PG13); 7:00

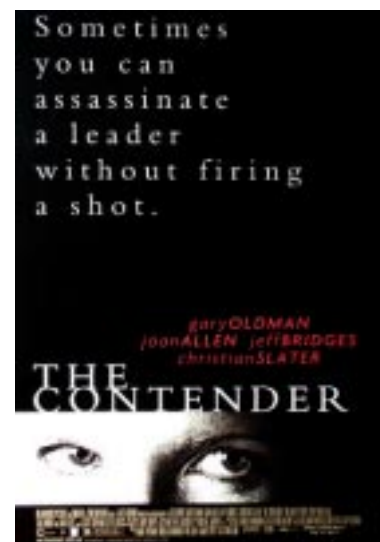
Kinser (637-2177)
 Fri The Contender (R); 7:00
 Sat The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13); 3:00
 Sat Red Planet (PG13); 7:00, 11:30
 Sun Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00
 Mon Closed
 Tue The Legend of Bagger Vance (PG13); 7:00
 Wed Antitrust (PG13); 7:00
 Thu Kings of Comedy (R); 7:00



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